

Mount Vernon City Library



Skagit Reads *Spare Parts*,

by Mike Bonacci

Skagit Reads is a county-wide library program that brings readers from Skagit County together to discuss and engage with one book. This fall participants are encouraged to read Joshua Davis' book *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Students, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream*. Copies of the book are freely available in English and Spanish at all Skagit libraries.

Spare Parts is the true story of a robot named "Stinky," a scrappy creation imagined by a team of undocumented Mexican-born teens from Phoenix, Arizona. Encouraged by their coach to enter "Stinky" into a national underwater robotics competition, these boys overcame the odds to beat the country's top student engineers, including a team from MIT.

Skagit Reads events are taking place around the county from October to November - visit your local Skagit library to get the book and join the discussion.



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Who supports the library?

- You do, through City taxes
- The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
- The Mount Vernon Library Foundation
- Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

iPads Now Available for in-library use!

by Sara Holahan

The library recently completed its year-long Digital Literacy grant which provided individual and group instruction on computers for patrons who needed extra help. This grant was funded by the Washington State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant also provided the library with iPads which give computer access in addition to the seven Internet stations which are often busy. These devices are now available for personal use in the library with an ID (no library card required). Please check with Information Desk staff about signing up and have fun using a tablet!



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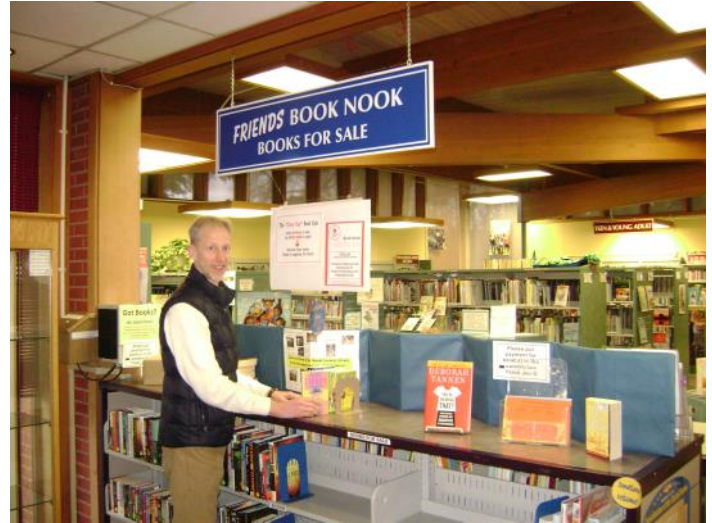
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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Bryan Milliren

The mission of the Friends of the Mount Vernon City Library is to support the programs of the library and promote literacy in the community. That being said, we are having a great year. In the spring we had one of our best book sales ever, receiving more than \$2000 to support the library. We had a wonderful summer reading program and were pleased to bring in several presenters to motivate kids reading in the summer. We are also proud to support the Skagit Reads county-wide reading initiative and community conversation using the book *Spare Parts*. Our fall book sale was another success, even though sales were a bit low, possibly the result of cooler weather, the world's largest garage sale at the fair grounds, and the pumpkin pitch in Burlington. We live in such a wonderful community with so many good family opportunities every weekend. Please mark your calendar for our upcoming "Friends Appreciation" meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00. There will be food and prizes to say thank you to our Friends. Also, in November we will hold our annual board meeting and officer elections. Both gatherings are open to the public. Thank you, again, for supporting the friends and the programs of our wonderful city library.

--Bryan Milliren, Friends Treasurer



Bryan helps stock the BOOK NOOK, the Friends' ongoing book sale

Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Brian Soneda



The Mount Vernon City Council and the Mount Vernon Library Foundation held a joint meeting on September 30, 2015. This was a very important meeting for citizens interested in moving the dream of a new library in Mount Vernon forward. Some questions were answered (but even more questions were raised), some assignments were handed out, and a good number of library supporters were in the audience. All in all, a great meeting between two lead bodies in the new library effort that Library Foundation board member Gloria Hulst described as a meeting that was "overdue" (and no one disagreed with that assessment and only one that I know of—me—thought to himself "What an appropriate word to use in a discussion about the library").

Cool things that happened @ your Library last quarter...



<Matthew Tweeten emotes musically for audience at a Summer Reading Program event.

<Justin Holmes is the Friends of the Library president, celebrating September is Library Card Sign Up Month.



Book Sale!

Son of Reptile Man packing his friend, July 31

2015 October-December Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and at Mount Vernon City Library unless otherwise noted; no sign up is required)

Oct 1-Nov 18	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays [except Nov 11], 3-5 years.	
Oct 1-Dec 30	LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-7:30 pm, Wednesdays [except Nov 11]; 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.	
Oct 1-31	Fan Fiction Writing Contest, write fanfiction; winner gets a prize!, ages 11-18.	
Oct 2-Nov 19	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.	
Oct 2-Nov 19	Travels with Skoob, 4:15 pm, Thursdays, ages 6-8.	
Oct 2-Dec 19	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Fridays and Saturdays, 2-6 years and caregiver.	
Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5	Tales for Tails, 1-2 pm, recommended for ages 6-12.	
Oct 6-Nov 17	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays [except Oct 6], 2-3 years.	
Oct 6-Dec 29	Drop-in Student Computer Lab, Tuesdays, 4-7 pm.	
Oct 6	Firefighter Storytime, 10:30 am, ages 2-6.	 <i>Firefighter Storytime always ends with a look at a firetruck!</i>
Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10	Book Discussion Group, 12:30-1:30 pm, adults.	
Oct 8	Teen Writing Workshop with author Rob Slater, 6-7 pm, ages 12-16.	
Oct 13	STEAM Workshp: Kids Dig Archaeology!, 4:40-5:30 pm, ages 6-10.	
Oct 19	Preparing Your Garden for Winter, 6:30 pm, adults.	<i>Rob Slater, author</i>
Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meetings, 6 pm, new members welcome!	
Oct 21	Glow Crafts for Tweens and Teens, 5-6 pm, ages 10-16.	
Oct 26	Frankenstein Multimedia Presentation (Humanities WA), 6:30 pm, adults.	
Nov 1	Showing of the movie <i>Spare Parts</i> (Skagit Reads program), 5:30 pm, Lincoln Theatre .	
Nov 2	Pacific Northwest Climate Zones (gardening), 6:30 pm, adults.	
Nov 10	Joshua Davis presentation/book signing (Skagit Reads program), 7:30 pm, Lincoln Theatre .	
Nov 12, Dec 10	Teen Writing Group, 5-7 pm, ages 12-16.	
Nov 16	The Art of Solitude: an artist's 500 mile journey on el Camino Frances, 6:30 pm, adults.	
Dec 2	Gingerbread House Making for Tweens and Teens, 5-6 pm, ages 10-16.	
Dec 18, Dec 19	Holiday drop-in crafts, 11 am-4 pm, all ages.	
Dec 19	Holiday Storytime, 10:30 am, all ages.	



The Art of Solitude: an Artist's 500 Mile Journey on el Camino Frances

Monday, Nov. 16, 6:30-7:30pm

Free

Christine Wardenburg-Skinner, artist and teacher, will share the adventure, beauty and inspiration of her 500 mile walk along the El Camino (The Way) Frances across Northern Spain. Her drawn images, photographs and story will inspire you for a walk of your own!

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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor,
Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Secretary), Bill Craig (Vice Chair), Carrie Odlin, Laura Riquelme (Chair) and Hal Verrell.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core values including, but not limited to:

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

2015 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-8 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-8 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-8 PM
Thursday	10 AM-8 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 1	New Year's Day
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16	Presidents' Day
May 25	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 7	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 26-27	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas

